

Climate Chang Action Brookline

History

- April 25, 2000 - Brookline Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to join the "Cities for Climate Protection" program of ICLEI (the International Council for Local Environmental Initiatives)
- May 15, 2000 - Public Forum on Climate Change (with 80 people in attendance)
(sponsored by Brookline Conservation Commission and Brookline Green Space Alliance)
Speakers:
Michael McElroy, Ph.D., Professor of Environmental Studies, Chair
Dept. of Earth and Planetary Sciences, Harvard University
William Moomaw, Ph.D.: Professor of International Environmental
Policy, Fletcher School of Law and Diplomacy, Tufts University
Paul Epstein, M.D., Associate Director, Center for Health and the
Global Environment, Harvard Medical School
Stephen Burrington, Esq., General Counsel, Conservation Law
Foundation, Chair Brookline Conservation Commission
Moderator: Kate Bowditch, Senior Hydrologist, Charles River Watershed
Association
- June 1, 2000 - Town of Brookline's ICLEI Air Emissions Inventory Kick-Off Meeting
(convened by Brookline Conservation Commission)
- June 15, 2000 - First meeting of CCAB (under the name of Climate Change Initiatives
Action Group)
- Fall 2000 Town Meeting - CCAB sponsors three Warrant Articles:
Electric Vehicle Pilot Program (result: Article passes requiring Town to purchase
alternative fuel vehicles or hybrid vehicles)
Renewable Energy Community Electricity Franchise (result: Article passes
forming a moderator's committee to study the purchase of renewable energy,
electricity aggregation, and or municipal light plant)
Tree Bylaw (result: Article passes forming a moderator's committee to investigate
a tree bylaw; this provided the impetus for a later 2005, amendment to the
zoning bylaw providing greater protection of trees)
- 2001 - Compact Fluorescent Light Bulb Sales program in cooperation with Brookline Green
Space Alliance
- 2001-2003 - Presentations at the Brookline Public Schools Science Fest concerning compact
fluorescent light bulbs
- February 12, 2002 - Brookline Board of Selectmen votes unanimously to approve Brookline's
Local Action Plan for Climate Change (The Plan sets the goal of reducing
emissions of greenhouse gases in 2010 by Town government, commercial
establishments, and individuals to 20% below 1995 levels.)

September 14, 2002 - CCAB team participates in Race to Stop Global Warming (5 k. walk, 8 k run, 1 k children's fun run)

October 2, 2002 - CCAB supports International Walk to School Day in Brookline

March 17, 2005 - CCAB co-sponsors event that raises \$20,000 for solar panels for the Brookline Health Department Building renovation

February 1, 2006 - Public Forum on Climate Change
Speaker: Seth Kaplan, Conservation Law Foundation

Spring 2006 Town Meeting - CCAB supports Green Building Warrant Article (result: Article passes forming Selectmen's Committee on Green Technology)

July 2006 - Town signs a five-year electricity contract which includes 1% green energy (at a value of about \$17,000), becoming the first community in Massachusetts to take such a step.

March 31, 2007 - CCAB raises over \$15,000 for the New England Wind Fund (Mass. Energy Consumers Alliance/Mass. Technology Collaborative Renewable Energy Trust) obtaining a 2 kw. photovoltaic system on a public building in Brookline.

Spring 2007 Town Meeting - CCAB supports article to assess SUVs and other vehicles at higher rate for excise tax purposes (result: Article passes forming Selectmen's Committee to draft statewide legislation addressing motor vehicle fuel efficiency)

June 23, 2007 - CCAB sponsors Climate Action Day, a public fair held on the grounds of Town Hall with over 40 exhibitors, a bicycle ride, food, and live music.

Speakers:

U.S. Representative Barney Frank
Massachusetts Representative Frank Smizik
Ross Gelbspan, Pulitzer prizing winning journalist
Mindy Lubber, Executive Director, Coalition for Environmentally
Responsible Economies